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Vagabond is translated from the Hebrew word *Nuwa* (Strongs 5128) a fugitive; to wander up and down; Hebrew word *Nuwd* (5110) to wander, flee or disappear; Greek word *Perierchomai* (4022) to stroll, to wander about.

The Webster Dictionary defines the vagabond as a person moving from place to place without a fixed home, a wanderer; of relating to or characteristic of a wanderer, leading an unsettled, irresponsible, or disreputable life.

Wander implies an absence of or an indifference to any kind of fixed course.

Other words defining a vagabond include:

Roam suggests wandering about freely, often far afield.

Ramble stresses carelessness and indifference to one's course or objective.

Rove suggests vigorous, sometimes purposeful roaming.

Meander implies a winding or intricate course suggestive of aimless or listless wandering.

There is a Biblical curse placed on the vagabond. The root problem must be traced and ferreted out so that the curse can be broken in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Evil spirits which enter and cause a person to be in this condition must be cast out after the legal grounds have been destroyed, breaking the curses.

As a deliverance worker you will be called on to minister to many who need freedom from wandering. People wander from city to city, job to job, house to house, ministry to ministry and church to church. Most could be classified as vagabonds and are groaning under this terrible curse.

Never seeming to get established or have success in accomplishing anything, these poor souls are tormented by a succession of continual failures. They live in a constant state of restlessness and discontent.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, who he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way. They found no city to dwell in. (Spirits of Wandering, Loneliness)

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. (Spirits of Poverty, Despair, Discouragement, Depression) *Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distresses.*

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. (Deliverance leads to a city of habitation, a seat, an abode.) *0 that man would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.* (Deliverance causes praise and is one of the wonderful works of God.) (**Psalms 107:1-7**)

The first person to be identified as a vagabond in the Bible is Cain. He became a vagabond as the result of a curse from God for murdering his brother, Abel.

And now thou art cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

It shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. (**Genesis 4:11-12**)

This curse from the earth made it impossible for Cain to become established or settle down anywhere in the earth. The earth would not yield her strength to Cain resulting in poverty (*no prosperity*).

The condition of the vagabond is the direct result of a curse, God's recompense upon sin. He recompenses sin into the bosom of the children in the form of curses. Therefore a person is often under the curse of the vagabond as a result of the sins of the fathers (*his ancestors*).

Thou shewest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name. (**Jeremiah 32:18**)

Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. (**Romans 12:19**)

Render unto them a recompense 0 Lord, according to the work of their hands.

Give them sorrow of heart, Thy curse unto them. Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the Lord. (**Lamentations 3:64-66**)

The result of a curse is **Sorrow of Heart**, and includes: Failure, Tragedy, Frustration, Death, Destruction, Family Problems, Pain, Marital Problems, Sickness, Disease, Mental Illness, Suicide, Miscarriages, Accidents, Depression, Sadness, Sorrow, Grief, Vexation, Torment, Despair, Poverty, Hopelessness, Lack,

Business Failure, Confusion, Besetting Sins, Guilt, Shame, Stumbling Blocks, Condemnation, Lamentation, Ill Fortune, Suffering, Misery, Setbacks, Bitter Experiences, Travail, Groaning, Reverses, Hard Times, Distress, Calamity, Mishaps, Woe, Slumps, Recession.

Curses cause persecution and a strong feeling of being harassed, grieved, chased, afflicted, pestered, and being put to flight. Sorrow follows the person under the curse and he/she always feels that they are being persecuted in one or more areas of their life.

They hunt our steps . . . our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven:

They pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. (**Lamentations 4:18-19**)

Curses open the door for the spirit of Destruction to enter and destroy specific areas in the lives of their victims. A Biblical definition of a curse is God's recompense upon the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of the children, causing sorrow of heart and opening the door for evil spirits, giving them the legal right to persecute and destroy the lives of persons under the curse.

The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked . . . (**Proverbs 3:33**)

For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off. The seed of the wicked shall be cut off. (**Proverbs 37:22, 28**)

One who is blessed of the Lord will receive an inheritance (*i.e., a resting place, a habitation*). One under the curse of the vagabond has neither an inheritance or any lasting resting place. He is always driven to wander.

Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house. (**Proverbs 17:13**)

Behind all evil activities there are wicked Spirits operating. Rewarding evil for good, always brings a curse from God upon the household, and affects the descendants of the guilty, opening the door for evil spirits to enter and operate.

For an enlightening study, take your concordance and run all the references on returning evil for good. It will astound you how severe the judgments of God are against such behavior. There are numerous references and it is a dreadfully dangerous thing to turn on anyone who had been good to you and render them evil in return.

And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Set thou a wicked man over him and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be vagabonds continually and beg:

Let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. (**Psalms 109:5, 6, 9, 10**)

The curse of the vagabond can come as a result of someone in the bloodline being guilty of returning evil for good. This opens the door for spirits of Begging and Poverty to enter.

Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let strangers spoil his labor.

Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: Neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children. (**Psalm 109:11, 12**)

A person under this curse fails to find favor with people, including employers and others who could be a blessing. The finances of the vagabond are subject to the extortioner. This is a reference to debt and financial bondage.

His labor is spoiled (No Success). Though he works hard at it the vagabond has a very difficult time establishing good and lasting relationships. People tend to turn upon the vagabond. Remember this was one of Cain's greatest fears.

Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before Thee to speak good for them, and to turn away Thy wrath from them.

Therefore, deliver up their children to the famine and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows, and let their men be put to death. Let their young men be slain by the sword in battle. (These curses have a strong effect upon the male descendants.)

Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them, for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. (**Jeremiah 8:20-22**)

A troop, from the Hebrew *Geduwd* meaning a crowd, army, band, troop of robbers. This curse opens the door for numerous spirits of poverty, want, lack and financial bondage to enter a person)

The bands of the wicked have robbed me. (**Psalm 119:61**)

This curse opens the way for a company (*a host*) of demon spirits to invade, making deliverance more difficult. In addition to the numerous demons which flood in as a result of the curse, the vagabond also picks up a great many spirits in the course of his wanderings.

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.
(**Proverbs 27:8**)

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler. The snare is broken and we are escaped. (**Psalm 124:7**)

As a bird straying from the nest, he is in danger of becoming a prey for other demons to enter. The vagabond falls into the snare of the fowler. Because of their wanderings, vagabonds (wanderers) almost invariably become involved in many demonic lifestyles including perversion, alcohol, drugs, crime, occult and cults. All of the traps into which the vagabond has fallen must to be broken so that his soul (*mind, will, emotions*) may be released and restored (**Psalm 23:3**).

This makes his/her deliverance a major one and often includes spirits of Hopelessness, Poverty, Despair, Depression, Frustration, Suicide, Alcohol,

Drugs, Perversion, Lust, Bitterness, Hurt, Grief, Rejection, Sadness, Theft, Crime, Mind Control, Wandering, Restlessness and a host of others.

He is always exploring and trying new and different ideas, lifestyles, ideologies, concepts, religions, etc.; anything to achieve some measure of satisfaction in life. However all of his experimentation is in vain.

There are spirits that cause the vagabond to wander. For identification we refer to these as the wandering spirits.

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels and break their bottles. (**Jeremiah 48:12**)

Wanderers comes from the Hebrew word *Tsaah* (Strongs 6808) meaning to imprison or conquer and refers to bondage. This lifestyle is full of bondage.

Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not him that wandereth.

Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler; for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. (**Isaiah 16:3, 4)**

A vagabond (*wanderer*) is an outcast. Notice that he is subjected to the spoiler, the oppressor and the extortioner. This verse also refers to the nation of Israel which is presently under this curse. This is a result of returning *evil for good* in their rejection of the Lord Jesus after his ministry of preaching, teaching and healing.

Israel has been scattered and has remained in exile ever since. They have wandered from nation to nation and will be in this condition until Jesus their deliverer returns. They will then be gathered into their own land to receive the fullness of the inheritance promised to them.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written. There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. (**Romans 11:26**)

God loves the wanderer and is well acquainted with his tears and sorrows and records his wanderings.

Thou tellest my wanderings; put Thou my tears into Thy bottle; are they not in Thy book?
(**Psalm 56:8**)

The life of the wanderer is full of sorrow and grief due to the failures and frustrations of this lifestyle. He is filled with a great many hurts due to bad relationships and experiences. This opens the door for the spirits of Bitterness. Those under this curse and in bondage to these spirits desperately need and desire to be free.

The captive exile hasteneth to be loosed and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. (**Isaiah 51:14**)

The word exile in this verse is the same Hebrew word translated *wanderer* in **Jeremiah 48:12**. Vagabonds are continually seeking an answer to their dilemma. Of course the answer is in the salvation and deliverance which comes through Jesus Christ.

My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. (**Ezekiel 34:6, 12**)

In his infinite love and mercy God is seeking out and delivering the vagabond (wanderer). Deliverance from this or any other curse is based on what Jesus did on the cross.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made curse for us:

For it is written; Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree; that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ. (**Galatians 3:13, 14**)

Redemption from curses is **legal** but **not automatic**. The redemption has to be appropriated by faith in breaking the curse. The blessing of Abraham will follow. The promise to Abraham was that he and his seed would inherit the land (*a habitation*) and have financial blessing (*prosperity*). Once the curse has been broken and the spirits driven out the vagabond can enjoy the blessing of Abraham.

Following is a listing of some of the spirits which have been discovered working in these areas. Be sure to break the curse of Cain and special curses

upon certain groups of people (*such as the American Indians*) before attempting to cast out the other related spirits.

Many country and western and rock and roll songs (*I Was Born to Lose; Just a Traveling Man; Tumbling Tumble-weeds; I am Wanderer; etc.*) have titles and lyrics which express vagabond spirits. Often they are real downers filled with deep melancholy and sadness. In addition, they most commonly endorse and advocate a very amoral life style.

Soul ties must be severed with such songs and groups (Rock and Roll groups such as Rolling Stones; Vagabonds; Wanderers; etc.) in earnest seeking for freedom.

For one deeply involved in such music, there will be a need to repent of such music and lyrics to destroy grounds for evil spirits to occupy and operate.

Spirits of the Vagabond Wandering Spirits

Wanderer, Aimlessness, Vagabond, Error, Nomad, Homeless, Vagrant, Meandering, Gypsy, Wanderlust, Fugitive, Floating, Wandering Jew, Banishment, Runaway, Random-ness, Drifter, Disoriented, Refugee, Derelict, Rambler, Straying, Rover, Misdirection, Straggler, Confusion, Outcast, Hobo, Orphan, Tramp, Castaway, Displacement, Exile, Restlessness, Idler, Poverty, Alcohol, Lack, Perversion, Debt, Drugs, Failure, Mind Control, Despair, Weariness, Despondency, Weariness, Depression, Nervousness, Suicide, Destruction, Hopelessness, Rebellion, Bitterness, Rejection, Cut Off, Close Doors, Destitution, Displace, Great Poverty, Can't Win, Great Disappointment, Ruin, Financial Reverses, Futility, False Friends, Hardship, Hard Times, Weakness, Hard Path, Hard Luck, Hard Walk, Astral Projection, Delinquent, Hitchhiker, Migrant, Tumbleweed, Runaway, Black Sheep, Itching Foot, Footloose & Fancy Free, Many Hurts, Sorrow of Heart, Death & Hell, Destruction, Gambling, Cheating, Extortion, Irresponsible with Money, Prisoner/Prison, Bondage, Seek Endlessly, No Lodging, Loss of Everything, Failure, Mind Wandering, Tragedy, Scatterbrain, Shame, Day Dreaming, Death, Seek-Seek-Seek, Suffering, Soul Traveling, Pain, Spendthrift, Sickness, Stumbling Blocks, Misery, Frustration, Travail, Condemnation, Hard Times, Lamentation, Disease, Family Problems, Setbacks, Marital Problems, Suicide, Mental Illness, Sorrow, Groaning, Reverses, Distress, Vexation, Calamity, Mishaps, Slumps, Recession, Woe, Hopelessness, Vexation, Torment, Poverty, Despair, Guilt, Besetting Sins, Confusion, Business Failures, Lack, Search (Looks, but never finds), Never Reap (No results from efforts), Hope (Builds up, then tears one down), Door Mat (Makes others walk on person),

Unsatisfied Hunger for Spiritual Filling, Unsatisfied Thirst for Spiritual Filling, Indian Vagabond Spirits, Gypsy Vagabond Spirits, Wandering from: Job to Job, Place to Place, Church to Church, Lover to Lover.

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Why Does Deliverance Take So Long?

This is written not only for leaders in deliverance but also those who are seeking deliverance. Many ask why deliverance often takes so long and why it is not a matter of getting prayer only once. Others are puzzled because many times it is so difficult to continue after starting in deliverance because of the time involved.

O Lord rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me oh Lord for I am weak O Lord. Heal me because my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed but thou O Lord how long? Return O Lord, deliver my soul, O save me for thy mercies sake. (**Psalms 6:1-4**)

When our own church first began deliverance we invited a Hegewisch brother to our church. As pastor my idea was to have this meeting to clean out all of the demons in the church. Then we could return to our regular program; however it did not happen that way. During a mass deliverance demons manifested and we began to cast them out.

Later the same people kept coming back week after week for deliverance and we began to wonder when it would end. I had thought it was a one-time thing, to clean out the demons and them get back to business as usual. However, God had something very different for us. We had so much to learn. We discovered that churches who begin deliverance do not understand how ignorant they are and tend to drop out because deliverance takes too long.

It is easy to decide that this was not the right way to cast out demons because Jesus did not do it this way! My question is, "*Were you there or did another tell it thee*?" The Word of God urges that we get wisdom and with all our getting to get understanding (**Proverbs 4:7**).

Our lack of understanding is because we have not asked it of the Lord. To decide that this is not of God because it is time consuming comes from our human understanding, not God. Securing wisdom and understanding will foil the enemy's attempts to confuse and discourage concerning this vital and valid ministry.

The Psalmist pleads "*Lord come and deliver me speedily*." Repeatedly we have seen people coming for prayer and the first time they receive massive deliverance. Workers cast out multitudes of spirits and following this there are dramatic changes in their lives. This speedy deliverance is what all seek. Not every deliverance will be a long protracted affair. However, in other cases it could take quite a time before the majority of the evil spirits are driven out.

A massive deliverance at the beginning is always encouraging for all involved. On the other hand, there are those who come and it seems that deliverance is very slow in coming. For some, in the first few prayer sessions nothing seems to happen, there are no manifestations. Later when manifestations come a great deal of time can be spent expelling certain, definite spirits.

The key is not to give up but to understand that the Lord has a plan and a purpose for our lives which goes beyond merely receiving deliverance. The Lord wants to bring us to maturity in many areas where only this ministry can bring it to pass. It does take time to teach and believers learn through experience.

The Lord is determined that we learn spiritual warfare which will cripple the enemy. Because there is such a lack of genuine spiritual warfare and such a lack of knowledge in the church many questions arise. Is it a lack of power or ignorance which keeps deliverance proceeding so slowly? Many times both are involved.

More is learned in actual deliverance sessions than by reading all of the books. Before I came across Pastor Worley's books, I had read many others. When I heard of his books I was not interested because I thought I already knew about evil spirits. Actually I knew nothing about casting out demons.

I myself was a great Word of Faith minister and everything I did was by faith. I just spoke the word and that was it! After I spoke the word I told you to go home. If you failed to get help it was because you were not a great man of faith like me.

Thank God He has delivered me from that foolishness and taught me that faith without works is dead! James said you could talk about your faith but he would show you his faith by what he did. I stopped talking about how much faith I had and started doing something.

These are the nations which the Lord left Israel to prove by them even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them war. At the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

Namely the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and all the Sidonians and the Hivites that dwelt in Mt. Lebanon from Mount Baalhermon to the entering in of Hamath. (**Judges 3:1**)

The Lord left the nations in the land to teach Israel how to fight. Because there is such a lack of knowledge of real, spiritual warfare, almost none of the churches today know anything about casting out evil spirits.

It was amazing how much I learned that I did not know as I began to deal with demons, even by my mistakes. When confronting spirits you are unable to cast out and not knowing what to do will make you seek the Lord as never before. Intense study of the Word of God will produce answers and teach you how to war against the enemy.

The Lord allows things in our lives to force us to learn the weapons of our warfare and the Word of God and prayer. God wants to do more than free you from demons. He says, "*Freely you have received, freely give.*" He wants to fashion you into a weapon to destroy the powers of darkness in yourself and others.

If He should drive the enemy out quickly, we would know little about deliverance and how to use our weapons. Easy deliverances would produce the tendency to cast spirits out, go about our business and quickly forget everything else. However time spent learning to deal with demons develops skills in spiritual warfare.

Remember that when God brought Israel out of Egypt the generation twenty years and older died in the wilderness. Exceptions were Caleb and Joshua. None of the others who entered Canaan knew anything about warfare. The Amalekites and the Midianites were good at warfare but this untried generation of Israelites knew nothing about fighting.

As they advanced into the promised land, the Lord by very wise design did not drive out all of their enemies because He wanted to teach them to war. Although they failed the test God does not want us to fail, for He is a God of war.

Hebrews 5:12 applies to this principle of becoming trained in spiritual warfare. When you first enter deliverance it is God I s boot camp, and not a very pleasant experience. Harsh discipline drives you for it is essential for any who plan to go to battle. Without preparation, you would quickly be destroyed on the battlefield.

For when the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat.

For everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe.
(**Hebrews 5:12, 13**)

Milk feeders are unskillful beginners in deliverance. Babes know nothing about casting out evil spirits and very unskilled in warfare. Even after Bible study, seeing videos and reading deliverance books they remain beginners. However, as exercise and growth in this area takes place they become stronger. This definitely brings results.

Strong meat belongs to them who are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (**Hebrews 5:14**)

Use of spiritual senses is spiritual exercise which develops discernment concerning what is of God and what is not. Babes lack discernment. When we first came into deliverance if the devil had shown up wearing a red suit and pin stripes we probably would have thought he was the preacher coming to fill the pulpit. Growth and maturation in this area comes as a result of *experience*, for which there is absolutely no substitute.

Only actually dealing with demons over a period of time will cause you to know what you are doing. It is not surprising that critics of the ministry come up with so many ignorant and pointless arguments. Many young ministers are puffed up in knowledge after reading a few of the books. Scripture warns that knowledge can do this (**I Corinthians 1:8**). It is easy to begin to think that reading a few books and attending some seminars and workshops causes us to know all. This is sometimes called the Bible School Syndrome. I was guilty of this until I went into deliverance. I believed I was loaded with such power, anointing and faith until I encountered demons who disdainfully told me to get lost. They humbled me thoroughly, spit in my face and sneeringly made obscene references to my parents and other ancestors.

My church and I were shocked and cried out to the Lord asking how this could happen. After all I was God I s man of faith and power, I thought! The demons were not impressed at all. How humiliating! I began to humble myself to seek grace, mercy and teaching from the Lord.

Religious pride must be scoured away otherwise we would never give it up. Exercising our senses would not take place if deliverance was a one shot affair. The Lord is perfecting (maturing) us and has more in mind for us. Deliverance is only another vital step in his teaching program. Among other things we learn patient perseverance by ministering to other people over a long period of time.

Another reason that deliverance is a process and not an instantaneous event is because the Lord desires to prove what is actually in an individual's heart. This is true of the worker as well as the one receiving prayer.

The Lord left these nations in the land to teach Israel warfare. They were to prove Israel, to know whether or not they would hearken to the commandments of the Lord by Moses. Many times the Lord will temporarily leave spirits in your life to prove whether or not you really love the Lord.

That tired old excuse that "*the devil made me do it*" will not suffice. Demons must be bound regardless of the status of your deliverance. As you begin earnestly seeking the Lord you must submit to God, resist the devil and also bind and loose spirits.

Many times God will check the depth of your love. Not everyone who accepts the Lord Jesus Christ is in love with Him as they should be. Truly we are saved by grace and are children of God. However, many times things come to prove whether or not we will hearken to the Lord's commandments. This is critical to Christian growth and progress.

Although the Lord left heathen nations in the land, the Israelites were still responsible to stay there and serve Jehovah God regardless of what these nations did. However, because they lacked a deep love for the Lord, Israel tended to drift into the sins of those people.

Thus those nations proved to them that they were disobedient and their hearts were not surrendered to the Lord. Since the Lord knows our hearts, this proving is really for our benefit. He already knows how deep or shallow our love is and whether or not we will serve him.

This is revealed in whether or not we will come seeking deliverance; whether in the midst of battles we will humble ourselves to seek the Lord. I have seen some come for deliverance and if it does not happen in one session they go away, never to return.

Others, although still troubled with spirits, continue faithfully to return to hear the Word of God. Regardless of problems or how many times they fall, they come back because they have a heart that is genuine. These are the individuals who will receive deliverance for they recognize that this is the only way to get the help they need.

Pride and rebellion are major hindrances to becoming free from evil spirits. Through deliverance God will force the spirits to surface. Hidden disobedience, pride, and rebellion are often buried so deep that the victim is unaware of their presence.

Deliverance makes us see ourselves. More help is sought when these things are in our hearts demanding surrender to them. The Lord forces us to face our real problems for His ultimate purpose is to conform us to the image of His Son.

Oftentimes the Lord refuses to drive out the enemy because of our disobedience and rebellion. Until repentance and humility emerge, we will continue to be vexed by these spirits.

The angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Botcham and said, 'I have made you to go up out of Egypt' (**Judges 2:1**)

All have come out of Egypt (the world). We have all gone through the baptismal waters which is symbolic of passing through the Red Sea. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is symbolized by being under the cloud (saved out of the world).

God states, "*I have brought you out unto the land which I have sworn unto your fathers.*" In like manner deliverance has brought us to enter into the land to drive out the enemy.

I will never break my covenant with you. And you shall make no league with the inhabitants of the land. You shall throw down their altars. But you have not obeyed my voice. Why have you done this? (**Judges 2:2**)

Their stubbornness, pride, rebellion and disobedience had led to a league or treaty with the enemy. Sometimes we have such a difficult time getting rid of

a harassing spirit we are tempted to say, “*I will leave you alone if you leave me alone*." We cease our attacking, binding and loosing and stop getting prayer. Only when the evil spirit rises up will we rush to the altar for prayer. However, the Lord wants us to hate the devil all of the time. Never come to terms with the enemy but continue binding, loosing and coming against the spirits until you get your deliverance, no matter how long it takes to get the results you seek.

Wherefore I also said I will not drive them out from before you but they shall be as thorns in your sides and their gods shall be a snare unto you. (**Numbers 33:55; Judges 2:3**)

When guilty of disobedience and rebellion, the Lord refuses to drive those spirits out and they become a constant irritant to vex, harass and torment you. Thus it becomes a form of chastening. Refusal to humble yourself will block your deliverance from Disobedience, Stubbornness, Rebellion and Pride.

Those spirits will remain no matter how much prayer is received. These difficulties will drive us to seek deliverance. This is the Lord's chastening because we will not judge ourselves and refuse to deal with the demons. Our refusal or inability may cause deliverance to be prolonged over a long period of time. Through it all God still loves you and has neither given up on you nor thrown you away. Thank God for His long suffering!

Jesus says, ”*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous, therefore, and repent*." (**Revelation 3:19**)

Problems may exist in other areas such as lust, fear, disobedience or confusion. Indeed it could be any tormenting evil spirit and is almost always rooted in some type of pride or rebellion.

Anytime God's people were guilty of disobedience, pride and rebellion, He allowed the enemy to put them in bondage, the chastening of the Lord. God warned them that if they would not hearken to His commandments and obey, He allowed other nations to invade and put them into bondage. They then would be corrected for their sins. It is true of us also but all this can be avoided if we will judge ourselves and repent. We are experts at pointing out other's shortcomings and the discerning of everyone else's demons, but not so good at judging ourselves.

If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged;

But when we are judged we are chastened of the Lord that we should not be condemned with the world. (**I Cor. 11:31, 32**)

Unfortunately many choose to learn the hard way and will not listen to the Bible. Experience is a good teacher but God is the best one.

We must judge ourselves according to God's Word or the Lord will chasten by allowing the enemy to afflict us. Like children, some learn with a minimum of child training, while others take longer. Unfortunately, often our rebellion and pride are rooted so deeply in our makeup that we react to the chastening hand of the Lord by becoming more rebellious.

God has ways to bring us to repentance. Israel has always been a stubborn and stiff necked people but the Lord will bring her back to Himself. Almost two thousand years ago Israel was dispersed from her land, but when Jesus returns they will acknowledge Him as their Messiah.

During their long history of chastening Israel has been in bondage to other nations: the Philistines, Canaanites, Moabites, Babylonians, Romans, Greeks or Persians. Because of the nation's stubbornness God' s prophets were rejected and stoned, precipitating judgment.

We must avoid the bad habit in deliverance churches of striking at each other in irritation and calling out each other's demons. "*Well, I bind you Leviathan!*" "*Well, I bind you Jezebel!*" "*Well, I rebuke you Pride, etc.*"

This happens because we resent correction and the moment someone mentions our demons, we feel compelled to respond by naming their spirits. However if we are humble and repent, the Lord will surely deliver us. This is still another reason deliverance sometimes takes a long time.

Psalms 119:67 states that affliction can even be good for you.

David said it caused him to seek the Lord. Some will never seek the Lord until they are afflicted. He says further: "*Before I was afflicted, I went astray but now have I kept Thy Word.*" **Verse 71** "*It was good for me to have been afflicted that I might learn Thy statutes.*" This chastening affliction allowed by the Lord can produce repentance and a seeking to understand the Word which is very good for us.

This same principle concerning the Lord's chastening is repeated by Isaiah.

Lord, in trouble have they visited thee. They poured out a prayer when Thy chastening was upon them. (**Isaiah 26:16**)

When trouble comes people pray, calling on Jesus, God, Mary and anyone else they can think of. God desires that we develop a hatred for evil and for demon spirits. David had this attitude.

Do not I hate them, Oh Lord, that hate thee, and am I not grieved against those that rise up against thee? I hate them with a perfect hatred. I count them mine enemies.
(**Psalms 139:21, 22**)

Demons are the enemies of the Lord and David hates them with a perfect (complete) hatred.

The spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak. Each time you fall indwelling evil spirits will cause you to do or say things you know are not of the Lord. You regret it and come under conviction, your conscience condemning you. You then must repent and ask the Lord for forgiveness.

We do not hate evil as intensely as we should. It is as if the Lord must allow those things to remain until we get so disgusted and fed up that we become desperate for deliverance.

People will endure demons for long periods of time without really getting to that point. Playing along with the enemy, they remain unwilling to fast, pray or whatever it takes to get free and this holds the bondage in place. We must develop such a complete hatred for demons that at any price we will submit completely to the Word of God.

The Lord was with Judah and He drove out the inhabitants of the mountain but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron. (**Judges 1:19**)

Another reason deliverance takes so long is that some evil spirits are stronger and more difficult to conquer than others. They drove out the inhabitants of the mountain but not those in the valley because they had chariots of iron.

Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Bethshean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibelam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. (**Judges 1:27**)

Here the enemy was not driven out because they lacked a deep hatred for the enemy. Contented with peace treaties, they settled down with them. A

tolerant attitude toward the idolatry, perversions and other sins prevalent in these nations offended God. As a result they were unable to drive them out of the land.

Another reason is found in **Exodus** when God said He would drive their enemies out little by little. The Lord is all powerful and can do anything He chooses. However, many times it is not in His perfect will nor according to His purpose to do anything and everything that we desire Him to do.

There shall nothing cast her young nor be barren in thy land, the number of thy days I will fulfill.

I will send my fear before thee and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come and I will make all thy enemies to turn thy backs unto thee

And I will send hornets before thee which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites and the Hittites from before thee.

I will not drive them out from before thee in one year lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee until thou be increased and inherit the land. (**Exodus 23:26-28; Deuteronomy 7:22**)

The Lord desires spiritual growth before further deliverance can be received in an area. God is not just concerned with how much deliverance you can receive but also how much you can possess and maintain. God's people are to drive out the enemy and possess that land. Too small numerically to inhabit and possess the land, Israel was sent in to drive the enemy out by little and by little until they grew and would be able to possess all of the occupied territory.

So many times we simply are not able to possess the entire area which God desires for us. The Lord is far more anxious to deliver than we are to receive it. His constant desire and intent is to perfect or mature us. He also understands that often we are unable to possess and maintain every area. For this reason He works on one section at a time and there are many sections. Some major ones are: Rejection, Rebellion, Fears, Lusts, Fantasy, Passivity, Mind Control, Gluttony, Religious Spirits (Roman Catholicism, Charismania, Pentecostalism, Baptist, etc) Bitterness, Anger, Resentment, Witchcraft and the Occult, Hatred, Ahab, Jezebel, etc.

Notice that when God sent Israel into the land, He commanded them to conquer specific areas and each tribe was assigned certain territory and

boundaries. Even so many times certain areas are set by the Lord to be conquered in deliverance. This is why it is so critical to be led by the Holy Spirit in deliverance.

Some come for prayer stating they have a thousand demons and have listed each one's name on sheets of paper. Since all are not going out in one session, sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit may lead the workers to concentrate on an area which is not even listed.

Some are confident they can possess everything. Certainly God's power is not limited .. How wonderful to meet someone with enough spiritual strength and growth to become like Jesus overnight! That would be beautiful but actually it is only presumptuous pride cloaked in religious spirits such as Pseudo-Humility.

This is why deliverance is far more than simply coming to receive prayer. After prayer you need to submit yourself to a godly pastor or a God called leader who can teach you the Word of God. Spiritual growth is keyed to being taught. This many resist for they want to go about their business doing their own thing. A godly teacher who feeds you with knowledge and understanding will enable you to possess your inheritance of freedom.

That upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance and there shall be holiness and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. (**Obadiah 17**)

Mount Zion is a type or picture of the church.

We have come unto Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem. (**Hebrews 12:22**)

On natural Mount Zion in the last days, there shall be deliverance followed by holiness.

Genuine holiness is impossible without being delivered. Those attempting to live holy lives without deliverance ministry always end up in either legalism and/or false holiness and these Pharisees are also bitter foes of deliverance.

True holiness will be promoted by deliverance, and make it possible to possess our possessions. First deliverance, then holy living according to the Word of God; then we begin to possess our possessions.

A lot of churches start on the wrong end with much talk about your possessions but ignoring or denying real deliverance. It is just confess and possess; name it and claim it; blab it and grab it! Hear the Word, speak by faith and all is yours: Cadillacs, Mercedes, mink coats, jewelry, houses, lands,

boats, thousands of dollars! These are all yours for the asking. God will make you rich! cry the peddlers of religious hokum!

Although I believe God has abundant blessings for us, scripturally we are not able to possess many of them because they **follow** deliverance and seasoning in the Lord. Lives not in accord with the Bible could not handle prosperity but would be utterly destroyed because of the lack of deliverance and holiness.

Other churches start in the middle of that verse. All they talk is holiness. *Live in holiness. Be sanctified. Don't wear this; don 't put that on; don 't go there; don 't do this; don 't read that; don't write that.* But without deliverance all you do is put up a religious facade as the Pharisees did.

This is cultivating an outward form of godliness while inside there are dead men's bones and demons running crazily rampant. One preacher noted that for the women, some churches believe in *long hair, long dresses, and long tongues!* Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks (**Luke 6:45; Matthew 12:34**)

One group piously decries the indecency and immodesty of any woman who wears a sling style shoe with her heel exposed! Long dresses sweeping the floor do not constitute holiness! If there is something in your heart, it certainly will come out of your mouth.

Another reason why deliverance takes so long is that God wants us to spend time patiently ministering to each other. Before our church moved into deliverance, we came to services, sang songs, and went home, never really spending time with each other, nor did we actually minister to each other.

Deliverance forces believers to spend time ministering to one another. You must love, embrace and get on the floor if necessary to free others. This is what is sorely needed, ministering to each other.

Unfortunately, in most churches what passes for love is very shallow and superficial. People come, shake hands, sing songs and then everyone hurries home. Now we spend more time with each other.

Who comforted us in all our tribulations that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God. (**II Cor. 1:4-6**)

The fact that you have difficulty receiving deliverance can help you later as you minister to those with similar problems. After you have gone through long, tiring battles to obtain freedom, you will be more patient and knowledgeable in working with others who have problems.

You can comfort them with the comfort you yourself received when you were going through your tests and trials.

Whereas the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth with Christ. And whether we be afflicted it is with consolation and salvation which is effectual in enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. (**II Corinthians 1:5, 6**)

Whatever difficulty you have in receiving your deliverance will eventually be used to help others. The Word says His house should be called a house of prayer, but religious people will always make it a den of thieves and hypocrites.

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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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